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## REMARKS

Claims 1-25 were pending in the subject application. By this Amendment applicants have canceled claims 1-25 without prejudice and added new claims 26-49. Accordingly, claims 26-49 are presented for the Examiner's consideration.

Support for new claim 26 may be found, *inter alia*, in Example 7, particularly on page 52, lines 6-9.

Support for new claim 27 may be found, inter alia, on page 55, line 15 and on page 57, line 14-15.

Support for new claim 28 may be found, *inter alia*, on page 49, line 27-28 and in Table 5.

Support for new claim 29 may be found, inter alia, in Table 6.

Support for new claim 30 may be found, inter alia, on page 12, lines 14-17 and on page 3, lines 19-21.

Support for new claim 31 may be found, inter alia, on page 37, lines 5-12; and in Example 7.

Support for new claim 32 may be found, *inter alia*, on page 38, lines 5-6.

Support for new claim 33 may be found, inter alia, on page 50, line 7.

Support for new claim 34 may be found, *inter alia*, on page 38, lines 11-14.

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Support for new claims 35-40, 42, 43, 45, 46, 48 and 49 may be found, *inter alia*, on page 37, lines 5-12; and page 38, lines 5-6.

Support for new claims 41, 44 and 47 may be found, inter alia, on page 36, line 28 to page 37, line 18.

## Restriction Requirement

In the February 17, 2004 Restriction Requirement, the Examiner required restriction between previously pending claims 1-25 as follows:

- I. Claims 1-9, 12-14, and 16-25, drawn to products and methods relating to SEQ ID NO:1 or encoding SEQ ID NO:2;
- II. Claims 1-9, 12-14 and 16-25, drawn to products and methods relating to SEQ ID NO:3 or encoding SEQ ID NO:4;
- III. Claims 1-9, 12-14 and 16-25, drawn to products and methods relating to SEQ ID NO:5 or encoding SEQ ID NO:6; and
- IV. Claims 1-25, drawn to products and methods relating to SEQ ID NO:19 or encoding SEQ ID NO:20.

The Examiner alleged that the inventions are distinct, each from the other, alleging Inventions I-IV are unrelated.

In response, and without addressing the correctness of the requirement for restriction, applicants have canceled claim 1-25 and in their place added new claims 26-45 which applicants contend are not subject to restriction.

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Accordingly, applicants respectfully request that examination of the subject application proceed on the basis of new claim 26 - 46.

No fee, other than the \$950.00 for a three-month extension of time fee is deemed necessary in connection with the filing of However, if any fee is Amendment. authorization is hereby given to charge the amount of any such fee to Deposit Account No. 03-3125.

Respectfully submitted,

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